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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reported today that the increase in U.S. general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change, from $2,180.2 million in August to $2,294.2 million in September reflected increases in the value of imports from most world areas.[1] [2]

Among world areas showing increases in imports were the 20 Latin American Republics, Western Europe, Canada, and Africa. A sizable decline occurred in imports from Japan. On a continent basis, increases were reported for South America, Europe, Africa, Australia and Oceania, and North America; imports from Asia declined.

Among individual countries contributing to the overall increase (in addition to Canada above) were Brazil, West Germany, the Republic of South Africa, and the United Kingdom. Among countries registering decreases for the period were Japan (above) Venezuela, and Italy.

[1] *On a seasonally adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $2,310.5 million in September as compared to $2,148.1 million in August. (See the September 1966 issue of Report FT 900-I.) Seasonally adjusted data are not available by country of origin.*

[2] *Month-to-month changes in imports and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Cumulations of data over 3- or 4-month periods are usually desirable to identify underlying trends.*

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EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: The country reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined, or manufactured. In instances where it is known that the country of origin cannot be determined, the transactions are credited to the country of shipment.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data. For the period January 1964-June 1965, formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued $250 and under were sampled. Effective with the statistics for July 1965, all formal and informal entries valued $250 and under are being sampled. As before, therefore, the statistics in this report are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or, effective July 1965, generally less than 2-percent (less than 1-percent prior to July 1965) of the individual totals shown.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS, BY AREA AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1966 are as originally issued. Figures for 1965 include revisions published with the December 1965 reports, or earlier, and certain changes as noted in the asterisk (*) footnote below, but do not include revisions published during 1966. Consult EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS on front page of this report for information of valuation, coverage other definitions, the handling of low-value shipments and sampling variability. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Area, continent, and country[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	January-September	January-September
TOTAL	2 294.2	2 180.2	18 800.6	*15 464.5
CANADA	537.4	515.0	4 406.0	3 497.5
20 LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS[a]	351.3	301.0	2 972.5	2 605.3
OTHER WESTERN HEMISPHERE[b]	57.8	68.5	547.0	513.4
WESTERN EUROPE[c]	670.4	629.2	5 546.8	4 323.1
OECD COUNTRIES IN EUROPE[d]	656.9	613.7	5 413.4	4 214.9
EEC (EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY COUNTRIES)[e]	364.6	352.7	2 984.9	2 358.5
UNITED KINGDOM	166.0	148.4	1 267.0	954.6
OTHER OECD COUNTRIES IN EUROPE[f]	126.3	112.7	1 161.4	901.9
OTHER WESTERN EUROPE[g]	13.5	15.5	133.4	108.2
SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES IN EUROPE[h]	14.3	15.6	131.4	95.0
SINO SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES EXCEPT EUROPE[i]	0.4	0.1	2.8	3.1
JAPAN	281.5	303.9	2 208.7	1 733.1
ASIA, EX NORTH VIET-NAM, CHINA, OUTER MONGOLIA, NORTH KOREA AND JAPAN	225.8	214.7	1 751.7	1 522.3
OCEANIA	64.3	57.1	454.0	325.1
AFRICA	90.0	75.0	773.3	616.1
UNIDENTIFIED COUNTRIES	0.9	0.1	6.3	8.7
NORTH AMERICA	675.3	672.2	5 833.4	4 776.4
GREENLAND[b]	0.9	1.2	4.8	3.4
CANADA	537.4	515.0	4 406.0	3 497.5
MIQUELON AND ST. PIERRE ISLANDS[b]	0.1	(Z)	.6	0.7
MEXICO[a]	48.9	56.5	554.7	461.5
GUATEMALA[a]	3.7	3.8	64.9	49.0
BRITISH HONDURAS[b]	1.2	0.3	2.8	5.5
EL SALVADOR[a]	3.5	3.4	26.9	32.5
HONDURAS[a]	5.9	7.6	66.1	52.6
NICARAGUA[a]	1.8	2.2	23.6	26.9
COSTA RICA[a]	3.0	4.3	43.7	44.2
PANAMA[a]	6.1	5.5	51.2	40.2
CANAL ZONE[b]	(Z)	0.2	.7	0.4
BERMUDA[b]	0.1	0.6	1.6	1.0
BAHAMAS[b]	1.6	1.7	18.9	18.6
CUBA[a]	-	-	-	(Z)
JAMAICA[b]	12.1	15.3	100.1	92.3
HAITI[a]	1.1	1.9	14.8	14.5
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC[a]	12.2	11.4	91.9	84.3
LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS[b]	0.1	0.2	1.8	1.5
BARBADOS[b]	0.3	0.3	2.7	3.4
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO[b]	9.4	14.1	122.2	101.2
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES[b]	25.9	25.6	227.3	239.7
FRENCH WEST INDIES[b]	(Z)	1.2	6.2	5.2
SOUTH AMERICA	271.2	212.4	2 092.0	1 839.9
COLOMBIA[a]	20.6	22.8	197.3	186.8
VENEZUELA[a]	70.8	87.1	762.4	755.8
GUYANA[2] [b]	1.6	1.9	15.7	14.1
SURINAM[b]	4.1	4.7	37.9	24.0
FRENCH GUIANA[b]	0.3	0.6	2.9	2.3
ECUADOR[a]	8.5	8.4	69.3	72.3
PERU[a]	34.6	25.5	230.4	168.4
BOLIVIA[a]	3.7	2.8	21.9	18.3
CHILE[a]	24.9	17.4	173.3	149.9
BRAZIL[a]	**87.8	25.5	431.3	320.4
PARAGUAY[a]	1.1	1.2	9.3	8.8
URUGUAY[a]	1.1	1.2	27.6	29.2
ARGENTINA[a]	12.0	12.4	111.9	89.6
FALKLAND ISLANDS[b]	-	0.8	.8	-
EUROPE	684.7	644.8	5 678.2	4 418.1
ICELAND[c d f]	2.8	1.8	15.3	15.2
SWEDEN[c d f]	20.5	19.3	213.2	166.4
NORWAY[c d f]	12.1	10.4	96.6	91.3
FINLAND[c g]	8.0	9.0	71.7	60.5

See footnotes at end of table.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS, BY AREA AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Area, continent, and country[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	January-September	January-September
EUROPE--CONTINUED				
DENMARK[c d f]	16.2	14.3	150.8	103.0
UNITED KINGDOM[e d]	166.0	148.4	1 267.0	954.6
IRELAND (EIRE)[c d f]	9.6	5.7	57.9	30.2
NETHERLANDS[c d e]	32.7	28.2	234.7	179.1
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG[c d e]	45.5	48.6	414.0	359.2
FRANCE[c d e]	56.6	60.0	509.9	444.9
WEST GERMANY[c d e]	169.4	144.0	1 294.1	940.8
EAST GERMANY[h]	1.2	0.4	6.0	4.6
AUSTRIA[c d f]	8.3	8.0	58.8	45.6
CZECHOSLOVAKIA[h]	1.8	3.1	20.1	12.2
HUNGARY[h]	0.2	0.2	2.3	1.4
SWITZERLAND[c d f]	32.4	26.5	272.9	207.2
ESTONIA[h]	(Z)	(Z)	.1	(Z)
LATVIA[h]	-	-	.1	(Z)
LITHUANIA[h]	-	-	(Z)	(Z)
POLAND AND DANZIG[h]	6.4	5.4	60.9	48.9
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS[h]	3.1	6.1	36.9	25.2
AZORES[c g]	0.1	0.1	.9	1.0
SPAIN[c d f]	14.5	14.3	115.8	98.2
PORTUGAL[c d f]	5.4	5.9	58.3	41.0
GIBRALTAR[c g]	(Z)	(Z)	.2	0.3
MALTA AND GOZO[c g]	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.4
ITALY[3 c d e]	60.4	71.8	532.2	434.5
FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE[3 c d g]	-	-	-	0.3
YUGOSLAVIA[3 c g]	5.1	6.0	57.9	45.1
ALBANIA[h]	(Z)	(Z)	.1	0.1
GREECE[c f]	2.6	1.9	42.5	36.7
RUMANIA[h]	1.3	0.3	3.2	1.4
BULGARIA[h]	0.2	0.1	1.7	1.1
TURKEY[c d f]	1.9	4.7	79.3	66.6
CYPRUS[c g]	(Z)	0.1	.6	0.9
ASIA	507.7	518.7	3 963.3	3 258.4
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	0.8	0.6	3.6	3.0
LEBANON	0.8	0.8	6.7	4.3
IRAQ	1.8	0.3	15.5	10.5
IRAN (PERSIA)	7.5	10.8	83.6	62.6
ISRAEL	8.0	5.7	58.0	45.6
PALESTINE[4]	-	-	-	(Z)
JORDAN	(Z)	(Z)	.1	0.2
GAZA STRIP[4]	(Z)	(Z)	.2	(Z)
KUWAIT	3.7	1.3	18.4	36.7
SAUDI ARABIA	9.7	11.6	79.2	85.7
ARABIA PENINSULA STATES, N.E.C.	4.3	2.8	25.7	31.9
ADEN	(Z)	0.1	.9	0.2
BAHRAIN	0.1	(Z)	2.3	1.3
AFGHANISTAN	0.2	0.2	10.5	10.1
INDIA	30.5	27.3	244.5	259.9
GOA, DAMAO, AND DIU	-	-	(Z)	0.1
PAKISTAN	6.1	4.5	51.4	33.6
NEPAL	0.2	0.1	.6	0.2
CEYLON	3.1	2.6	25.4	23.8
BURMA	0.1	0.4	1.5	0.8
THAILAND (SIAM)	6.2	6.9	60.8	18.9
NORTH VIET-NAM[5 i]	-	-	-	2.3
SOUTH VIET-NAM[5]	0.2	0.1	1.7	
LAOS	(Z)	(Z)	1.1	0.3
CAMBODIA	0.2	0.1	.9	1.2
MALAYSIA[6]	16.4	18.2	130.4	147.9
SINGAPORE[6]	1.3	1.8	12.2	-
INDONESIA	15.1	16.1	137.3	119.6
PHILIPPINES	45.2	39.2	318.9	269.6
MACAO (MACAU)	0.5	0.2	2.8	1.6
SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN ASIA, N.E.C.	-	-	.2	0.1
CHINA[i]	-	-	(Z)	0.3
OUTER MONGOLIA[i]	0.4	0.1	2.8	2.8
NORTH KOREA[i]	-	-	(Z)	(Z)
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	8.5	9.0	62.7	35.5
HONG KONG	45.0	41.0	298.9	244.3
TAIWAN (FORMOSA)	9.7	12.1	89.5	64.0
JAPAN	281.5	303.9	2 208.7	1 733.1
NANSEI AND NANPO ISLANDS, N.E.C.	0.7	0.9	6.1	6.6

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Area, continent, and country[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	January-September	January-September
AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA	64.3	57.1	454.0	325.1
AUSTRALIA	43.9	34.7	294.0	217.7
NEW GUINEA	0.5	0.7	2.8	1.5
NEW ZEALAND AND WESTERN SAMOA	19.7	21.3	149.0	99.8
BRITISH WESTERN PACIFIC ISLANDS	0.2	0.3	2.7	4.9
FRENCH PACIFIC ISLANDS	(Z)	(Z)	3.9	0.3
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS	(Z)	-	1.6	0.9
AFRICA	90.0	75.0	773.3	616.1
MOROCCO	0.9	0.8	7.6	4.7
ALGERIA	0.1	0.2	1.8	5.2
TUNISIA	0.8	0.4	2.6	3.5
LIBYA	3.0	8.4	44.3	22.1
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (EGYPT)	1.1	0.6	15.2	13.8
SUDAN	0.5	0.8	4.2	4.6
CANARY ISLANDS	0.2	0.1	2.0	0.7
SPANISH AFRICA, N.E.C.	-	-	.2	(Z)
MAURITANIA	(Z)	0.4	1.3	2.1
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON	2.4	2.1	21.6	10.7
SENEGAL	(Z)	0.1	.5	0.3
GUINEA	1.6	(Z)	7.5	5.7
SIERRA LEONE	0.2	0.3	13.7	4.5
IVORY COAST	4.1	2.5	34.7	31.6
GHANA	1.6	3.2	37.2	45.6
GAMBIA[7]	(Z)	-	(Z)	-
TOGO	0.1	(Z)	1.1	0.3
NIGERIA	2.7	5.3	43.2	44.4
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	0.3	0.7	8.1	7.8
GABON	1.3	2.2	10.8	5.5
WESTERN AFRICA, N.E.C.	1.5	0.6	6.8	12.1
BRITISH WEST AFRICA[7]	(Z)	0.1	.6	0.6
MADEIRA ISLANDS	0.5	0.5	3.1	2.8
ANGOLA	3.2	3.8	37.6	31.3
WESTERN PORTUGUESE AFRICA, N.E.C.	(Z)	0.2	2.6	0.8
LIBERIA	4.3	5.0	66.0	32.0
CONGO (KINSHASA)	4.1	3.8	34.4	24.6
BURUNDI AND RWANDA	5.3	2.7	9.8	4.9
SOMALI REPUBLIC	(Z)	(Z)	.5	0.6
ETHIOPIA	1.9	3.4	38.5	55.1
FRENCH SOMALILAND	(Z)	(Z)	.5	0.1
UGANDA	4.3	3.5	45.4	27.7
KENYA	3.4	2.9	16.3	10.5
SEYCHELLES AND DEPENDENCIES	(Z)	(Z)	.1	0.1
TANZANIA	2.9	1.7	11.2	8.5
MAURITIUS AND DEPENDENCIES	(Z)	-	.3	0.2
MOZAMBIQUE	1.0	1.0	5.5	4.9
MALAGASY REPUBLIC	1.0	1.3	14.2	17.9
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	34.4	15.5	211.4	157.0
ZAMBIA[8]	(Z)	(Z)	1.3	11.4
RHODESIA (SOUTHERN RHODESIA)[8]	0.9	0.7	7.6	
MALAWI[8]	0.2	0.1	1.7	
UNIDENTIFIED COUNTRIES[9]	0.9	0.1	6.3	8.7

The over-all January-September 1965 total as shown in this report agrees with the sum of the January-September over-all monthly totals shown in the September Report FT 900-I but does not agree with the sum of the corresponding area, continent, and country detail shown here. Monthly coverage adjustments were made by the Bureau in the July-December over-all totals in an attempt to remove the effect of abnormalities in monthly receipts of statistical documents during that period. Adjusted totals for each of the six months are shown in Table 1 of September FT 900-I. Information in sufficient detail to make corresponding adjustments in area, continent, and country data is not available.

***Includes imports of crude coffee valued at approximately $14 million which would normally have been included in the August statistics.*

- Represents zero.

Z Indicates less than $50,000.

a-iCountries included in each area are identified with the same literal footnote as the area.

[1] *For definitions of areas and countries as used in this report, see the notice in the "Special Announcements" section of the January 1966 issue of Report FT 420 which lists the major trading areas and the individual countries included in each and the current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics.*

[2] *Country designation "Guyana" established June 1966. (Formerly British Guiana).*

[3] *Effective with the statistics for January 1966, the country designation "Free Territory of Trieste," administered jointly by Italy and Yugoslavia, became obsolete. The information shown for Italy and Yugoslavia for January 1966 and subsequent periods includes data on shipments to portions of the "Territory" administered by each.*

[4] *Country designation "Gaza Strip" established May 1965. Formerly included under the designation "Palestine" which became obsolete May 1965.*

[5] *Country designations "North Viet-Nam" and "South Viet-Nam" established January 1966. These areas were formerly included under the designation "Viet-Nam."*

[6] *Country designation "Singapore" established January 1966. Formerly included with other countries under "Malaysia."*

[7] *Country designation "Gambia" established January 1966. Formerly included with other countries under "British West Africa."*

[8] *"Zambia," "Rhodesia (Southern Rhodesia)," and "Malawi" shown separately beginning with the statistics for January 1966. Formerly data for these countries were shown under the designation "Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia), Southern Rhodesia, and Malawi."*

[9] *This is an arbitrary category established to cover data for "low-value" shipments from certain countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries. Further information on "low-value" shipments is contained in the RELIABILITY statement on the front page of this report.*

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